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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATIES; PINOCHET EXPRESSES SATISFACTION

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1. THE AMBASSADOR RECEIVED JUNE 2 A LETTER FROM FOREIGN MINISTER CUBILLOS, TRANSMITTING A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PINOCHET TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS ON THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES (REFTEL). THE SPANISH TEXT AND AN INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOW. WE ARE POUCHING A COPY OF THE CUBILLOS LETTER TO ARA/AND/CH TODAY.

2. SPANISH TEXT: "ESTIMADO SENOR PRESIDENTE:
EN RELACION A SU ATENTA COMUNICACION, RECIBIDA A TRAVES DE SU EMBAJADOR EN SANTIAGO, CON QUE VUESTRA EXCELENCIA ME INFORMA DE LA APROBACION DE LOS TRATADOS DEL CANAL DE PANAMA POR EL CONGRESO NORTEAMERICANO, CABEME EXPRESARLE QUE ME GOBIERNO HA RECIBIDO CON INMENSA SATISFACCION LA MADURA SOLUCION ENCONTRADA BILATERALMENTE POR LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS DE AMERICA Y LA REPUBLICA DE PANAMA. SABE VUESTRA EXCELENCIA QUE CHILE FAVORECE Y APOYA CON ENTUSIASMO LOS ARREGLOS PACIFICOS POR MEDIOS JURIDICOS A LAS CONTROVERSIAS QUE SURJAN ENTRE PUEBLOS SOBERANOS. NUESTRA CONFIANZA
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SIN LIMITES EN EL DERECHO INTERNACIONAL Y EN LA VALIDEZ DE LOS TRATADOS NOS LLEVA A COINCIDIR PLENAMENTE CON VUESTRA EXCELENCIA EN ORDEN A QUE LA SOLUCION DE LA CUESTION DEL CANAL DE PANAMA FORTALECERA LA PAZ Y LA COOPERACION HEMISFERICA, JUNTA CON PROMOVER EL COMERCIO MUNDIAL. AL MANIFESTAROS MIS FELICITACIONES POR ESTE EXITO DIPLOMATICO, CORRESPONDO AFECTUOSAMENTE SU CORDIAL SALUDO. AUGUSTO PINOCHET UGARET, GENERAL DE EJERCITO, PRESIDENTE

DE LA REPUBLICA DE CHILE.

3. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR KIND COMMUNICATION, RECEIVED THROUGH YOUR AMBASSADOR IN SANTIAGO, IN WHICH YOUR EXCELLENCY INFORMS ME OF THE APPROVAL BY THE AMERICAN CONGRESS OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES, I WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION THE WISE SOLUTION REACHED BILATERALLY BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA. AS YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AWARE, CHILE FAVORS AND SUPPORTS ENTHUSIASTICALLY ALL PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT BY JURIDICAL MEANS OF CONTROVERSIES ARISING BETWEEN SOVEREIGN COUNTRIES. OUR UNLIMITED CONFIDENCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE VALIDITY OF TREATIES COMPLES US TO CONCUR FULLY WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE SOLUTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE WILL STRENGTHEN HEMISPHERIC PEACE AND COOPERATION, AS WELL AS PROMOTE WORLD TRADE. IN EXPRESSING MY CONGRATULATIONS ON THIS DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS, I WARMLY RECIPROCATATE YOUR CORDIAL GREETINGS."
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